

DEMOCRATS SWEEP THE COUNTRY.

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The Complete Official Returns From Thirty-six Precincts Give Bryan Nearly 6,000 Majority and King 3,000, and the Fall Returns Will Easily Double It—A Very Full Vote All Over the County.

The Herald at the hour of going to press with this edition, has received complete official returns from 36 precincts, and unofficial and partial returns from practically all precincts in the county. They indicate that the majorities for the Democratic candidates will range from 2,500 to 3,000.

The official returns from these 36 precincts give Bryan 6,751; McKinley, 546; King, 5,913; Holbrook, 2,547.

The polls were opened everywhere promptly at 7 o'clock and during the early hours, voting was very brisk, followed by lulls just before noon and later in the afternoon, with rushes during the noon hour and about 6 p. m.

The Australian ballot system, tried for the first time here, worked perfectly. The voters seemed to appreciate greatly the relief from the heeled and ticket peddlers, and the general familiarity with the system was little less than remarkable, considering the circumstances. It showed that the voters generally had given the new plan considerable study, and very few had to call upon the election officers for assistance in preparing their ballots, notwithstanding the fact that scratching was indulged in to an extent never before heard of here.

Challenges were few and far between. In a great many precincts not a single vote was disputed. There was no loud talk about the polls and no conflicts. The people went about their business quietly, and in only one instance was there a genuine election row. Strangely enough, that was between two women in the old Second municipal ward. The Democrats found themselves severely handicapped in this city from the outset. The Republican committee had secured every conveyance in town that they could hire, and Democrats were unable to bring their voters to the polls in carriages. They did not need any such inducement to get them to vote, however, and turned out grandly. As an evidence of this it may be stated that in precinct 7, every registered Democrat voted, in precinct 10 all but three voted, in precinct 24 not one was missed, in precinct 33 all but two voted, in precinct 41 every Democrat except one cast his ballot for Bryan, and in precinct 42, so it went all over the city.

The Republicans, with their army of workers, with carriages, succeeded in bringing out a very full vote, too, and it was estimated early in the evening that 90 per cent of the registered vote in the city had been polled.

The reports of the checkers of both parties showed, when the polls closed, that the Democrats would, in all probability, have a majority in this county on the state and legislative tickets. The Democratic ticket soon got to work and on unofficial returns Chairman Lloyd claimed that ten precincts had given the Democrats 1,254 votes, the Independent Republicans, 571; McKinley, 153, with 918 scratched ballots. These scratched ballots were practically all in favor of the Democratic ticket.

When the Democrats of Salt Lake county closed their magnificent campaign on Monday night, they confidently expected that success would crown their efforts, but no one dreamed that the whole Democratic ticket would be elected by such a tremendous majority as the people have given it.

IMMENSE GAINS.

The first unofficial returns indicated immense gains, and as the definite figures commenced to come in, a still greater increase was shown.

REPUBLICANS SURRENDER.

At midnight, Chairman Lloyd claimed the election of the county and legislative ticket by from 1,500 to 2,000 majority for each candidate, while Chairman Holmes at the same hour conceded that the Republicans had lost all along the line.

NOTHING SAVED FROM THE WRECK.

Some few still hoped that personal popularity might pull one or two Republicans through, but their hopes were speedily dissipated. The "hand of Goddes" disappeared forever from official life, under an avalanche of votes, while Spencer and Crismon went down in the general wreck. The voters seemed to be inspired with making a clean sweep, and they cast no anchors to the windward. Holbrook, after all the eloquence that has been expended in his behalf in Salt Lake county, and for whom a special effort was made, made a surprisingly weak showing, while King came up magnificently everywhere.

Norrell and Cherry, the Democratic candidates for district judge, received immense majorities, which will be augmented by the votes of the other counties, Summit and Tooele, comprising the Third district.

First Municipal Ward.

In the first municipal ward the voting was much as had been anticipated by the Democrats. The ladies turned out in great numbers in all the precincts in this ward and in one precinct cast fully half of the total vote. The election was very quiet at all the precincts, there being no disturbances of any character at any of the voting places. At nearly all the precinct voting places the Republicans had headquarters established as near the polls as they dared to get and had their heels on hand to approach every voter. The voters, however, were not to be turned from their intention of giving Bryan and free silver their support, and the ward went almost solidly for the silver electors. The Democratic state and county tickets also received a good support and showed a very large gain over the vote of the last election. Scratching was very general, especially among the ladies. Owing to the inclemency of the weather and the muddy streets the vote was not as heavy as had been anticipated by either of the political committees. In the sixth precinct in this ward there were 324 votes cast out of a registration of 352, in the seventh precinct the vote was 234 out of a registration of 412, in the eighth it was 363 votes out of a registration of 438. The other precincts averaged about as those mentioned above. Some difficulty was experienced by the ladies in moving over their tickets, but not much delay was occasioned

except in one or two places. On an average about three voters at each precinct were prevented from voting by reason of being challenged. At some of the voting places the Republican challengers caused considerable delay by challenging every Democrat who offered to vote.

Second Municipal Ward.

Voting in the Second was very quietly done, and considering the weather and extremely muddy roads on the west side, the percentage of votes cast was all that could have been expected.

There was a lack of vehicles for voters on both sides and many women who otherwise would have turned out remained at home.

Very few ballots were spoiled and generally the voters acted as though they understood the modus operandi. It was noticed that the women voted early and were at the polls long before the men. The ladies indulged in scratching a great deal more than the men, in the judgment of the judges. So far as learned there were no disturbances at any of the polling places. At 6 o'clock about 3,550 votes had been polled.

Condie displayed all the activity shown by any candidate in the Second, hustling for himself from early morn until the polls closed. Visits by other candidates were rare.

McKinley voters were as rare as days in June, and wherever one was found he voted and said nothing, going away as soon as this task was finished.

Third Municipal Ward.

The voting at all the precincts in the Third ward was conducted in a very quiet and orderly manner. There were very few people about the polling places besides the election officials. The voters dropped in slowly but steadily, recorded their votes and went away and there was no rush at any time. The ladies turned out in force, equal or superior to the men. As a rule the Democrats voted the straight ticket, while the Republicans did a heap of scratching. The McKinley Republicans voted the Democratic county ticket almost straight, and it was evident before 12 o'clock that the Democrats were going to carry the ward by a handsome majority.

Refreshments, coffee, sandwiches, etc., were served at a number of the polling places. The Republicans were

they worked as hard as if confident of success.

Carriages were out early, and by noon over a third of the total registered vote had been cast. There were no contests of votes and no enthusiasm was displayed. The absence of any demonstration was owing to the fact that the result in the Fourth was a foregone conclusion.

The tens where the precinct party managers held forth and issued estimates on the result were the scenes of the greatest animation. Hot coffee and other things gastronomically tempting were served there through the entire day. Very few challenges were made and the day was uneventful by any of the usual polling place rows.

In the Thirty-seventh precinct the day was particularly quiet. By noon 167 votes out of the registered total of 350 had been cast and at 6 o'clock the total vote was 331. Of these the Republicans claimed 141 and the Democrats 190.

The people of the Thirty-eighth precinct at 6 o'clock last evening had cast 225 votes, the registered total being 282. At noon 155 votes were in, of which the Democrats claimed 100. This precinct was the scene of one of the hardest partisan fights of the day, and an hour before the polls closed both sides admitted that the result was doubtful. The Democrats, however, conceded 127 to the Republicans and claimed 155.

The Thirty-ninth and Fortieth were two of the busiest precincts. The vote hustlers were out early, and before noon nearly half of the total registered vote had been deposited in the boxes.

There were 381 votes registered in the Forty-first precinct. It is a Democratic precinct and by noon 145 votes or over 40 per cent of the total number, had been cast. It was estimated that 50 of the ballots deposited in the box were straight Democratic, 56 Republican and 3 doubtful. At 4 o'clock 322 votes, 90 per cent of the number registered, had been cast. Of this number it is estimated that 191 were straight Democratic and 131 Republican tickets. The polling place was at 215 K street and the Democratic vote of the day was entrusted to Mrs. Dr. Ferguson, Mrs. Barton and T. F. Thomas. Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Barton, assisted by Mrs. Mulholland, furnished an excellent lunch at the latter's residence for the Democrats. There was not a ripple of excitement during the entire day.

The polling place of the Forty-second precinct was at 33 E street. There were 401 votes registered and at noon 141 votes had been cast. Of this num-



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long faces, which kept lengthening as the afternoon wore along and the Democratic ballots were showing them under deeper and deeper till the polls closed. The vote was heavy throughout the ward.

At noon, precinct 27 had cast 130 votes out of a registration of 324; precinct 28, 127 out of 290; precinct 29, 114 out of a possible 304; precinct 30, 120 out of 335; precinct 31, 165 out of 341.

In the Thirty-second, Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth precincts, the polling was conducted with the utmost harmony, and not an incident worthy of mention transpired. The voters began coming early, and by noon more than half the registered vote was in in all three of the precincts, and at 6 o'clock in the evening the average vote remaining to be polled was less than one-twelfth of the registration. There was no excitement in any of these precincts at any time, but considerable amusement was created by a dodger which Candidate Geddes caused to be distributed. It was the Argus editorial lauding him for alleged philanthropy.

In the Thirty-sixth there was a little difficulty, but it was of a mild nature. It began when the Democratic judge failed to show up on time and the two Republicans swore in another man. Before he had fairly seated himself, however, the regularly appointed man came, and the Democratic Chairman Ridd thought he ought to be allowed to serve. The Republicans objected, but their man resigned, and they were obliged to make the best of it.

The next disturbance occurred when George Bolt undertook to vote. He had only lived in the precinct 30 days, and was challenged by Mr. Ridd, who stated the circumstances of Mr. Bolt being registered in the precinct. They were to this effect: Bolt was raised in the Thirty-fourth precinct and always lived there until recently, when he moved to the Thirty-fifth. Prior to the rendering of County Attorney Whittemore's opinion that transfers from one precinct to another were not legal, Bolt had registered in the Thirty-fourth, and wishing to move, procured a transfer to the Thirty-fifth. On the strength of this he was permitted to swear in his name, and was reported, and it is understood steps to prosecute him will be commenced today.

Another incident of the day was an effort on the part of Joseph Lee to do some work for his favorite candidate, Geddes. He would follow, or accompany rather, a voter almost to the booths, urging him or her to vote his way. Chairman Ridd objected, but it made no difference until he sent to the sheriff's office for a deputy, who allowed no button-holding for the rest of the day.

At 6 p. m. in precinct 27, 150 Democratic and 123 Republican votes were cast; precinct 28, 140 Democratic and 15 Republican votes; precinct 29, 133 Democratic and 75 Republican votes; precinct 30, 170 Democratic and 97 Republican votes; precinct 31, 180 Democratic and 115 Republican votes; precinct 36 (North Salt Lake), 89 Democratic and 100 Republican.

Fourth Municipal Ward.

A hard contest was waged in the Fourth yesterday, but the banner Democratic ward maintained its old-time position and gave a good-sized majority against the high tariff party. Almost the full vote of both parties was polled, and although the Republicans did not expect to carry the ward,

ber 90 were Republican and 48 Democratic. At 6 o'clock 263 votes had been cast of which number 192 were Republican and 171 Democratic. The Democrats were badly handicapped in this precinct by a lack of conveyances and workers. The only excitement during the day was the challenging of two Democratic and one Republican vote. One was challenged on the ground of non-naturalization and the others on alleged change of residence. They were all sworn in. Mrs. Ann Oliva Burt and Mrs. Ann Erskine were in charge of the Democratic refreshment tent.

In Precinct Forty-three the polling place was Taggart's hall, 876 First street. The election in this precinct was intensely uneventful. At no time during the day was the polling place crowded. At noon out of a registration of 361 voters, 135 had been cast, 80 being Republican and 55 Democratic. At 6 o'clock 231 votes had been cast, the Republicans receiving 131 and Democrats 100. It is a Republican precinct and the result was not unexpected.

Fifth Municipal Ward.

In the Fifth municipal ward, which has always been a Republican stronghold, both sides settled down to hard but quiet work. The Democrats brought out nearly their entire strength, while the Republicans, aided by their numerous candidates who reside in the ward, made a supreme effort and voters were run down with energy. Everything passed off quietly, however.

In the Fifth, the ladies of both parties turned out in force, and like the men, did a great deal of scratching.

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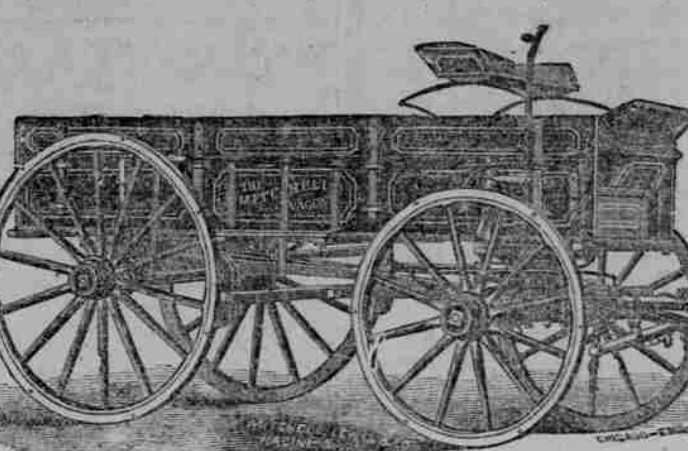
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